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15.	Shock Absorber Testing Machine	Central Laboratory
16.	Meter Testing Bench	Central Laboratory
17.	Voltage and Current Calibrators	Central Laboratory/Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, Mohali
18.	Multifunction calibrator	Central Laboratory
19.	Gas Flowmeters	CL, Calcutta, Bangalore
20.	Life Cycle tester for Dry-Cell Batteries	Central Laboratory

Irregularities in the operation of Provident Fund Scheme

1896. SHRl D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Regional Provident Fund Commissioners in Delhi and Calcutta to initiate action against erring managements in order to deal firmly with irregularities committed in operation of Provident Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the action contemplated by Regional Provident Fund Commissioners of Delhi and Calcutta;

(c) the details of the erring managements against whom action has been contemplated; and

(d) further steps proposed to be taken to deal firmly with such defaulters in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Regional Provident Fund Commissioners/Delhi and Calcutta have been specifically instructed to initiate action against the management of certain exempted provident funds in which various irregularities were detected in the course of inspection.

(b) and (c) The names of the concerned establishments and action taken against them is as given in the attached statement *(See* below).

(d) The EPF Act has been recently amended and the following provisions of the Act have been specifically made applicable to the management of private provident funds, with a view to deal with them more effectively :-

(i) Section 7A relating to assessment of dues, (ii) Section 8 relating to recovery of the arrears of dues, (iii) Section 14B relating to levy of damages, (iv) Section 14 relating to penalties, for violation of the provisions of the Act.

Statement

SIN.	Name of establishment	Action Taken
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1.	M/s. Karamchand Thapad and Brothers **Ltd.,** PF. Trust, Calcutta.	After issuing a show-cause Notice as required under law, the Regional P.F. Commissioner, Calcutta has withdrawn the relaxation order in respect of the establishment. He has also filed prosecution against

	the Management and the Board of Trustees.
2. M/s. Birla Industries *t"* P.F. Trust, Calcutta.	Prosecutions have been filed against the Birla Industries P.F. Trust, for the various violations.
3. M/s. Ramdutt Ramkishan Das E.P.F. Calcutta.	Prosecutions have been launched against the management. The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner has also recommended the case to the State Govt. of West Bengal, for cancellation of exemption.
4. M/s. D.C.M.E.P.F., Delhi.	Prosecution have been filed against the management. Action has also been initiated under Section 7A of the Employees' Provident Funds & Misc. Provisions Act, 1952, to determine the quantum of dues.

Setting up of department of farm processing

1897. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Department of Farm Processing; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Expansion of T.V. Network in rural areas

1898. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open more T.V. Centres in India; particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, names and number of T.V. Centres opened so far alongwith the capacity and distance covered bv each T.V. Centre during the last two years;;

(c) che number and names of the areas where these centres are likely to be opened during 1989-90; and

(d) the financial implication in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given ir the attached statement See Appendix CXLDC, Annexure No.-107]

(c) As part of the approved Seventh Plan, schemes for the establishment of 30 Programme Production Centres; 31 high power transmitters and 116 low power/ very iow power transmitters and transposers are at various stages of implementation. State/Union Territorywise details of these Centres are given in the attached statement *[See* Appendix CXLDC, Annexure No. 107A]. A large number of the